## USE OF YOUR DISABLED PLACARD Registry of Motor Vehicles

## DO NOT

- ✗ Do Not drive while your disabled placard is hung from your rearview mirror.
- ✗ Do Not let anyone use your disabled placard parking privileges. This abuse of your disabled placard is punishable by a \$500 fine, loss of your disabled parking privileges, and 30-day suspension of your operators license.
- **X** Do Not park illegally. You must obey all parking rules and regulations or be subject to the fines imposed.
- ✗ Do Not park in cross-hatch areas (Zebra Stripes), which are reserved for van ramp/lift access. Parking on a cross-hatch is subject to a \$100 - \$300 fine.
- ✗ Do Not use your disabled placard/ plate or DV plate parking privileges if you are not entering or exiting the vehicle.
- ✗ Do Not use your disabled placard in a vehicle weighing 10,000 lbs or more.
- ✗ Do Not display your disabled placard when the vehicle is in motion. This is potentially a \$50.00 fine.
- ✗ Do Not leave your disabled placard in an unlocked vehicle.
- **X** Do Not use your disabled placard after its expiration date. You may be fined.

## DO

- ✓ Do display your placard while parking in a HP location. It should be hung from your rearview mirror facing towards the front of the vehicle. You may use the privacy sleeve to cover personal information. The privacy sleeve MUST be removed if so requested by law enforcement.
- ✓ **Do** park in an HP location when you need to exit the vehicle.
- ✓ Do use your disabled parking privileges in any designated HP location.
- ✓ Do realize that (when used and displayed properly) your disabled parking privilege exempts you from parking meter fees in Massachusetts.
- ✓ **Do** lock your vehicle and close the windows when using your disabled placard.
- ✓ Do obey all parking rules and regulations.

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